

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 16 stand rejected under 35 USC §112 second paragraph as being indefinite. By way of the above amendment, Applicant respectfully submits that the amended claims 1 and 16 now particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of Applicant's invention.

Claims 1 and 16 have been amended to include the genus and species for each strain using information from the table on page 9 of the specification.

Claims 1 and 16 have also been amended to avoid "mixtures thereof" language in the Markush Grouping. Applicant respectfully submits the Markush Grouping is now proper for both claims 1 and 16.

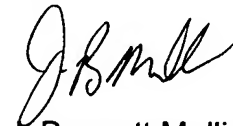
Claim 17 has been canceled as being duplicative of pending claim 16.

Inasmuch as all outstanding issues raised by the Examiner have been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and action to such effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at his/her convenience should only minor issues remain after consideration of the present Amendment, to permit early resolution of same.

Please charge any additional fees required by this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-3172.

Respectfully submitted,

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